

From the Editors

The 2011 FNCV Biodiversity Symposium, held on 19/20 November, focused on forests. In the International Year of Forests, the subject was a fitting one. In this issue, the Editors are pleased to publish some of the papers presented at that event, by Moore, Harley and Mueck.

The papers making up the remainder of this issue of *The Victorian Naturalist* do not form any unity of theme, area, or indeed subject matter. They do, however, serve to remind us that the field of natural history encompasses a broad spectrum of interests and activities. Because of this wide tolerance, articles focusing on fungi, historical botany and phytoplankton can appear together in the pages of this journal. It is a feature that, as one reader has remarked, makes *The Victorian Naturalist* 'of immense value'. A further valuable aspect of this particular issue is the publication of a couple of 'firsts' — the first Australian record of a fungus species, and a first collection of a Dinoflagellate bloom from the ice surface of an Australian lake.

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